

Construction Leadership Council Digitalising Planning and Building Control Industry Sponsor Job Description

Background

Following a strategic review of the CLC's priorities in 2025 and early 2026, the 'Next Generation Delivery' priority has been split into two separate priorities, reflecting where we believe the industry can see maximum benefit from transformation at pace.

These are 'Digitalising Planning and Building Control' and 'Business Model Reform'. This job description is for the former. We are recruiting in parallel for a separate Industry Sponsor to lead the latter.

Context

The work of the Digital and Data workstream (as set out in the CLC's biennial report) will continue, but with a new focus on the digitalisation of the planning and building control systems.

At the moment, the regulatory systems that govern design and construction of the built environment in the UK operate on legacy systems that limit interoperability, holding back progress on the digital transformation of the wider built environment ecosystem.

A fully digitalised planning system, based on consistent data standards, would be a major step forwards towards driving industry adoption of better information management practices. Alignment with the building control system, overseen by the Building Safety Regulator, would also enable the industry to benefit from a seamless integration of information, driving productivity and digital adoption across the sector.

Progress is being made within the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on the plan for building control to adopt a digital planning approach. However, this progress risks stranding the building control regime if approaches to data and digital adoption are not aligned. A considerable effort has been channelled into identifying the information required at different Gateways specified through the Building Safety Act – but the opportunity to digitalise, link and integrate this with the digitalisation of the planning system and to push their combined uptake through the Information Management Initiative has yet to be realised. Key issues to be addressed include but are not limited to cybersecurity, upskilling, and the potential impact of AI.

Duration: Fixed term voluntary basis from July 2026.

Key Tasks:

1. Leading and taking senior level responsibility and accountability for delivery of the strategic priority, convening a team of experts to deliver against agreed objectives.

2. Work collaboratively with workstream leads and relevant interested stakeholders, to agree a shared set of objectives and programme of work to drive a coherent strategy that supports current efforts on the planning and building control systems.
3. Oversee senior-level alignment between MHCLG and the Building Safety Regulator about the benefits of a dual-led effort to coordinate efforts to digitalise planning and building control.
4. Work with bodies across industry (at a senior level), including RTPI, ICE, CIC, RICS, RIBA, CIOB and other CLC members to ensure alignment on shared standards and objectives for digitalisation of both systems.
5. Encourage industry – and particularly public sector clients – to demand and drive adoption of existing digital standards, initiatives and tools.
6. Continue to accelerate the Information Management Initiative, with a focus on marketing and micro / SME business support.
7. Advance Construct AI exploring funding opportunities for a new AI Lab.
8. Act as industry spokesperson and champion your workstream to the sector, media and key stakeholders, working closely with the priority and sector industry leads.
9. Work collaboratively with other CLC Industry Sponsors and workstream leads, ensuring i) the digitalisation of planning and building control systems are understood by the other Industry Sponsors, and ii) relevant links/issues are addressed, when developing CLC policy to address sector business needs.
10. Utilise your influence, personal and peer networks to support delivery of the priority, and effect change.

Time Expectation: We would expect you to commit around two days a month to this role, and attend the CLC Board's meeting (which meets bi-monthly- its Terms of Reference are set out at [Governance – Construction Leadership Council](#))

Timetable (Subject to change)

- 21st April: Job description advertised on the CLC's website
- 18th May: Closing date for applications
- w/c 25th May and w/c 1st June: Shortlisting
- w/c 15th and 22nd June: Interviews
- w/c 22nd July: Announce successful individuals.

If you have any queries about the role, please contact Stuart Young (Stuart.Young@businessandtrade.gov.uk)

Applicants should email the following information to Stuart by close 18th May:

- A CV setting out relevant skills and experience.
- A covering letter (maximum of 500 words), setting out their experiences against the job description.
- A letter of support from their current employer to take up this role.

Appendices

- [Governance – Construction Leadership Council](#): Terms of References for CLC Board, and Council;
- [Construction Leadership Council publishes its Biennial Report – Construction Leadership Council](#) (Review of 2025 and Vision for 2026)